

On page 6, insert as a title prior to the first paragraph --
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 13 insert as a title prior to the brief description
of the drawings --

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING --.

On page 13 please replace the brief description of figures 2
through 31 as follow: --

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- Fig. 2 shows a first section of the device of Fig. 1;
 - Fig. 3 shows a second section of the device of Fig. 1;
 - Fig. 4 shows a third section of the device of Fig. 1;
 - Fig. 5 shows a fourth section of the device of Fig. 1;
 - Fig. 6 shows a fifth section of the device of Fig. 1;
 - Fig. 7 shows the device of Fig. 1 in a first stage of
the method;
 - Fig. 8 shows the device of Fig. 1 in a second stage of
the method;

Fig. 9 shows the device of Fig. 1 in a third stage of the method;

Fig. 10 shows the device of Fig. 1 in a fourth stage of the method;

Fig. 11 shows the device of Fig. 1 in a fifth stage of the method;

Fig. 12 shows the device of Fig. 1 in a sixth stage of the method;

Fig. 13 shows a first view of a further embodiment of a device for carrying out the method;

Fig. 14 shows a second view of the further embodiment;

Fig. 15 shows a third view of the further embodiment;

Fig. 16 shows a fourth view of the further embodiment;

Fig. 17 shows a fifth view of the further embodiment;

Fig. 18 shows a schematic side view of a longitudinal section of a first embodiment of a bristle group;

- Fig. 19 shows a schematic side view of a longitudinal section of a second embodiment of a bristle group;
- Fig. 20 shows a schematic side view of a longitudinal section of a third embodiment of a bristle group;
- Fig. 21 shows a schematic side view of a longitudinal section of a fourth embodiment of a bristle group;
- Fig. 22 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a first partial group;
- Fig. 23 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a second partial group;
- Fig. 24 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a third partial group;
- Fig. 25 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a fourth partial group;
- Fig. 26 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a fifth partial group;

Fig. 27 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a sixth partial group;

Fig. 28 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a seventh partial group;

Fig. 29 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising an eighth partial group;

Fig. 30 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a ninth partial group;

Fig. 31 shows a top view of a bristle group comprising a tenth partial group; --.

On page 14, please replace the brief description of figures 44 through 46 as follows. --

Fig. 44a shows a view of a first embodiment of an application brush;

Fig. 44b shows a top view of the first embodiment of an application brush;

Fig. 45a shows a view of a second embodiment of an application brush;

Fig. 45b shows a top view of the second embodiment of an application brush;

Fig. 46a shows a view of a third embodiment of an application brush;

Fig. 46b shows a top view of the third embodiment of an application brush; --.

On page 15 ~~insert~~ as a title following the brief description of the drawing --

DESCRIPTION ~~OF~~ THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --.

On page 27, line 1, replace as a title "Claims" with --
I CLAIM: --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~delete~~ claims 1 - 24 without prejudice and enter new claims 25 - 48 as indicated below:

25. ~~(new)~~ A method for the production of brushes, the brushes consisting essentially of at least two different types of bristles collected into at least one combined bristle group having a defined cross section and mounted to a brush support, the method comprising the steps of: